ಶ್ರೀ ಮುಂಜಪ್ಪ ಉಲ್ಲಾಳ್.—ಈ 15 ಕೆಲಸಗಳಿಗೆ ಬಂದಿರುವ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳು ಎಷ್ಟು ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—I have no information regarding the total number of applications received by the Public Service Commission.

Financial grants to the Municipalities of Mercara and Virajpet.

*Q.—286. Sri K. P. KARUMBAYYA (Virajpet).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Municipalities of Mercara and Virajpet have submitted proposals for financial grants to provide adequate supply of drinking water to the citizens ;

(*b*) if so, whether the same have been sanctioned and if not, the reasons therefor ;

(*c*) the nature of financial help sought from the Government by the respective Municipalities ;

(*d*) whether it has come to their notice that due to inadequate supply of drinking water, the citizens are subjected to severe hardships during the months of March, April and May ;

(*e*) whether they intend to sanction full grants if the repaying capacity of these Municipalities of the loan applied for is lacking in view of their importance of being Tourists Centres ?

A.—Sri T. SUBRAMANYA (Minister for Law, Labour and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) The scheme for water supply to Mercara Town has not yet been finalised. Hence the question of financial assistance to Mercara Municipality does not arise at present.

Virajpet Municipality has asked for grant of loan.

(*b*) Receipt of revised plans and estimates for water supply to Mercara Town is awaited from the Chief Engineer (Irrigation and Public Health). Plans and estimates relating to Virajpet Water Supply Scheme have been referred to the Chief Engineer (Irrigation and Public Health) for scrutiny.

(*c*) The Virajpet Municipality has asked for a loan of Rs. 7,38,000. In the case of Mercara Municipality the scheme has yet to be finalised as stated in reply to clause (*a*) above.

(*d*) There is some amount of hardship, due to inadequate water supply.

(*e*) Does not arise in view of replies to clauses (*a*) and (*c*) above.

Sri K. P. KARUMBAYYA.—Supplementary to (*c*): may I know whether the Government propose to sanction the loan and if so on what terms ?

†Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—The terms of grant of loan are the financial capacity of the Municipality to repay the loan together with interest at 5 per cent spread over a certain period from 15 to 20 years.

Sri K. P. KARUMBAYYA.—May I know the number of instalments asked for in the particular case ?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—You are referring to the Virajpet Municipality, I suppose. They have not asked for, in particular, the number of instalments. They have passed a resolution asking or agreeing to take the entire amount of 7,38,000 as loan repayable in 25 instalments.

Sri K. P. KARUMBAYYA.—In view of the foundation stone having been laid as early as May 1957, may I ask that this may be expendited as early as possible ?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—'As early as possible' is a very loose phrase. I have no objection to commit myself to that position.

Construction of High Level causeway across Jajur halla in Challakere Taluk.

*Q.—311. Sri T. HANUMAIAH (Challakere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they have received any representations from the villagers, requesting them to construct a High